

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

January 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Place: MDOT 1st floor auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 10:55 am by Chairman George Phillips.

Commission Members Present:

MS Department of Public Safety	George Phillips
MS Department of Information Technology Services	David Litchliter
MS Department of Transportation	Willie Huff
MS Department of Health	Brian Amy
MS National Guard	Gary Ladd
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Clovis Reed
Safe City Initiative	Mark McCreery
MS Department of Homeland Security	Jay Ledbetter
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Michael Berthay

Advisory Members Present:

Senator Tom King

Chairman George Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:55 am. He called for a motion to approve the minutes. David Litchliter requested that the word "regular" be inserted before the word "meeting" on the last page of the minutes. Willie Huff made a motion to approve the minutes with the change. Gary Ladd seconded the motion, and it was passed with none opposed.

Chairman Phillips asked Clovis Reed to begin his presentation of his committee's recommendation for a statewide cellular provider. Mr. Reed distributed a handout of the results to the Commission members. He thanked the committee members for their work on this project. He explained the requirements of the RFP and the solicitation process. Four providers submitted proposals: Cellular South, Cingular Wireless, Sprint/Nextel, and Verizon. The evaluation process was based on points. Scores were given in technical and cost categories. Cellular South scored the highest in both categories.

Mr. Reed stated that his committee recommends that a single award be made to Cellular South. David Litchliter explained that we would need to design an exception process for state customers in those areas of the State where Cellular South does not provide acceptable coverage or other services unique to a particular entity.

Willie Huff questioned the status of existing contracts with other vendors. Mr. Litchliter explained that we would honor existing contracts up to one year. Upon expiration, customers would be moved to the state contract with Cellular South. Existing Cellular South customers will be migrated to the state contract plans and rates.

Mr. Reed made a motion to award the RFP to Cellular South and to begin contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Garry Ladd and unanimously approved.

Chairman Phillips stated that the Negotiation committee will be made up of the same members as the RFP Evaluation committee.

Willie Huff made a motion to adjourn. David Litchliter seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.